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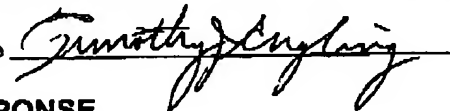
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FOR: Rotatable Locking Mechanism
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**Honorable Director of Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of 08/11/2006, this Amendment and Response responds within the three-month period. There are no amendments to the specification or drawings. The applicants respond as follows: